



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FINAL REVISED
FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2461

lifespan respite care; program termination

Purpose

Continues the Lifespan Respite Care Program through July 1, 2025.

Background

Statute defines *respite care* as short-term care and supervision services that are provided to an individual to relieve the individual's caregiver (A.R.S. § 46-171).

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 46-172, the Department of Economic Security is required to establish a Lifespan Respite Care Program (Program) for primary caregivers of individuals who do not currently qualify for other publicly funded respite services. Furthermore, the Program is required to coordinate with other respite services and support the growth and maintenance of a statewide respite coalition. Additional responsibilities of the Program include: 1) conducting a study on the need for respite care throughout the lifespan of individuals; 2) identifying local training resources for respite care providers; 3) linking families with respite care providers and other types of respite caregiver consultants; and 4) creating an evaluation tool for recipients of respite care to assure quality of care.

Currently the Program does not receive appropriated funds from the Legislature. The Program has a statutory termination date of July 1, 2017. There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Delays the Program's termination date from July 1, 2017, to July 1, 2025.
2. Specifies that the Program is for primary caregivers of individuals who do not currently receive, instead of qualify for, other publicly funded respite services.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

House Action

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Senate Action

HHS	2/23/16	DP	6-0-1
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Signed by the Governor 3/24/16

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